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Examiner : Toafiq A. SOLOLA

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STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesies extended by Examiner Solola during an October 23, 2008 telephone interview with Applicants' representative Arnold Turk.

During the telephone interview, Applicants' representative indicated that a response has been filed October 9, 2008, and the Examiner indicated that the response has not been docketed to him as of the present time.

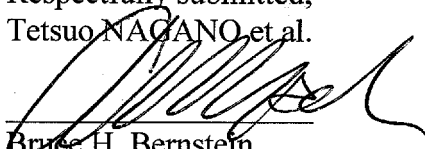
Applicants' representative questioned the indication in the Office Action that the claim of priority to JP 2002-198197 was not valid. The Examiner indicated that he will review the file, and provide further details in the next communication from the Patent and Trademark Office.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, was also discussed with Applicants' representative pointing to the arguments set forth in Applicants' response. The Examiner again indicated that he will review the written response when entered.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, including any required extension of time fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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